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SUBJECT: CANADIAN TOURISTS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT U. S. GASOLINE  
SHORTAGE

1. FOLLOWING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, CANADIAN MEDIA  
REPORT AMERICANS' " FIRST TASTE" OF PREDICTED COMMON-  
PLACE GAOLINE SHORTAGE IN U. S. THIS SUMMER. TELEPHONE  
INQUIRIES ABOUT THIS SITUATION RECEIVED BY EMBASSY  
( AND PRESUMABLY CONSULATES GENERAL) WHICH RUNNING TWO  
OR THREE PER DAY IN LAST MONTH JUMPED TO ABOUT TEN  
MAY 28 AND FIFTEEN MAY 29. WE HAVE BEEN ANSWERING  
THESE BY SAYING MOTORISTS IN U. S. WILL NOT BE  
STRANDED BUT MIGHT BE INCONVENIENCED.

2. HAVING IN MIND, I. A. TOURIST ACCOUNT OF BALANCE OF  
PAYMENTS AND EIGHT MILLION CANADIANS VISITING U. S.  
LONGER THAN 24 HOURS BY AUTOMOBILE PER ANNUM, WE  
WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON' S GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING  
TO INQUIRIES. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER  
CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO INSTITUTING A TOURIST  
PRIORITY SYSTEM IF THE PRESENT SITUATION WORSENS.

3. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH U. S. TRAVEL SERVICE  
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REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN TORONTO WHO, ALSO CONCERNED  
ABOUT CANADIAN MEDIA REPORTS FOLLOWING HOLIDAY  
WEEKEND, IS COMMUNICATING THIS CONCERN TO USTS WASHINGTON.  
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